



## Minnesota Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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### MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.2 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2010, down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the December 1, 2009, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding hogs totaled 550 thousand head, down 5 percent from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs at 6.65 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

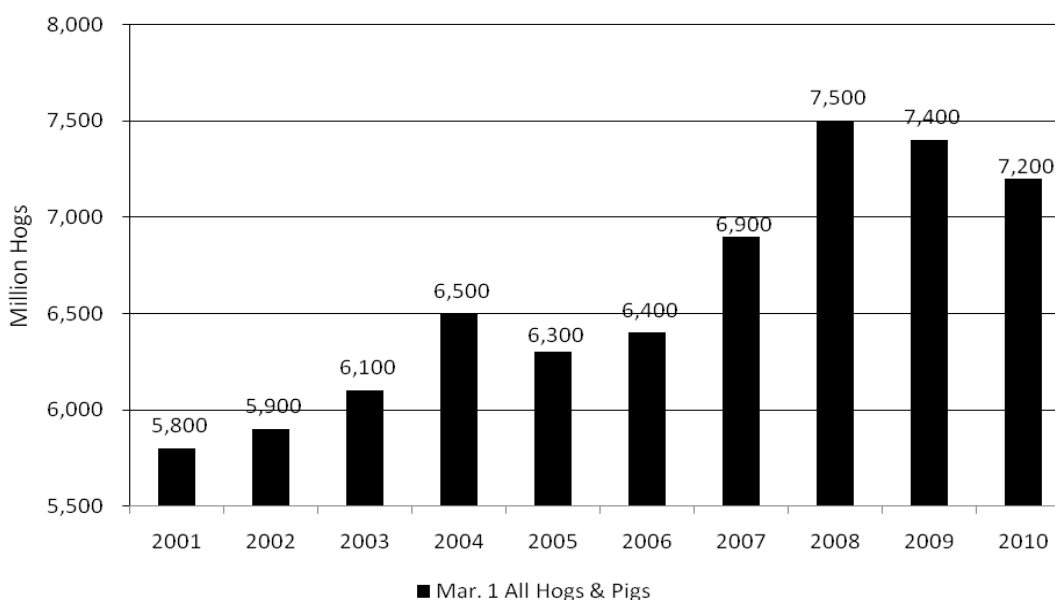
### DECEMBER-FEBRUARY PIG CROP DOWN 4 PERCENT

Minnesota's December 2009-February 2010 pig crop totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from a year earlier and down 7 percent from the September-November 2009 pig crop. The 270 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 9.90 pigs per litter, up from 9.75 a year ago.

### MARCH-MAY AND JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the March-May 2010 quarter. If realized, this would be unchanged from actual sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. Producers also intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the June-August 2010 quarter. If realized, this would be up 4 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period in 2009.

### Minnesota Hog Inventory 2001-2010



*(See back page for U.S. highlights)*

## U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2010 was 64.0 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2009 and down 2 percent from December 1, 2009.

**Breeding inventory**, at 5.76 million head, was down 4 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 58.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

**The December 2009-February 2010 pig crop**, at 27.9 million head, was down 2 percent from 2009 and down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 4 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.61 for the December 2009-February 2010 period, compared to 9.48 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.70 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

## REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2009 through December 2009 were reviewed using slaughter, death loss and current import and export data. Based on this review, adjustments of less than one half of one percent were made to the June-August 2009 pig crop and September 2009 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one percent was made to the December 2009 total inventory.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,  
United States, December-November 2009-2010<sup>1 2</sup>**

Month	Sows Farrowing <sup>1</sup>		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop <sup>1</sup>	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec <sup>2</sup>	997	980	9.50	9.62	9,475	9,425
Jan	1,013	970	9.45	9.58	9,576	9,292
Feb	1,001	952	9.49	9.62	9,501	9,156
Mar	1,009		9.56		9,650	
Apr	1,003		9.61		9,644	
May	1,006		9.66		9,718	
Jun	996		9.71		9,673	
Jul	986		9.70		9,567	
Aug	978		9.69		9,478	
Sep	1,009		9.71		9,794	
Oct	987		9.70		9,574	
Nov	978		9.68		9,465	
Total	11,963		9.62		115,115	

<sup>1</sup> Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> December preceding year.